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1.(SBU) On April 19, we delivered reftel points regarding financial shortfalls for election costs in Afghanistan to Anne Glad Fredriksen, Adviser in the MFA's Section for South Asian Affairs. Fredriksen noted Norway's existing support of international efforts in Afghanistan, as evidenced by the forthcoming visit to Kabul of five Norwegian state secretaries (representing the MFA, the Ministries of Justice

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and Defense and the Prime Minister's Office). Fredriksen would review whether Norway's budget for 2006 already included contributions for the Afghanistan-related financial shortfalls noted in reftel points. She noted that the only roadblock which may prevent Norwegian contributions (if they have not yet been made) would be that the 2006 discretionary budget has recently been finalized.  
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